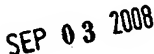


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RESPONSE TO FINAL

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2008, which response is being made on or before September 8, 2008 and for which a two month extension of time fee is due and enclosed herewith.

Applicant submits this response for entry into the record, in which:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: